

Dear Sirs,

As a 27 residents of Independence township we're disturbed to read that Senator Kowall seeks to change the states certificate of need law, despite the fact that this law has served the residents of this state exactly as it was intended.

S.B. 1269 seeks to change a law that has worked for the citizens of this state for many years just to satisfy the wishes of a few in our community. We find that unacceptable.

We believe the certificate of need law doesn't need to be changed to accommodate the proposed McClaren Hospital, what does need to be changed is McClarens plan for a hospital in this area. We agree with the state that this proposed hospital is unnecessary in this area.

In our 27 years in the Clarkston area my wife and I have had absolutely no problems making it to the local hospitals. And with two sons, believe us when we say we've seen our share of the local hospitals.

Need is based on the facts. We agree with the facts that have determined that this hospital is not needed and is unnecessary.

Please don't succumb to the special interests that are pressuring you to change our certificate of need law.

Sincerely,

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